

CITY of ELGIN BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR MAY 10, 1990

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT-

Bud Rogers
Ethel Smith
Juanita Clum
Sharon Stover
Ken Hart
Lloyd Spikes
Roger Owen
Betty Knapp
Colleen McDonald
Jim Ludwig

ABSENT-

Pete McCabe
Pat McMullen
Russ Hug
Clayton Breckon

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by chairman, Betty Knapp. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as presented.

Chairman Knapp asked for comments or questions from the members regarding the budget presented to the committee. There were several questions raised about rate increases for the water and the sewer funds. The budget officer proposed an increase of \$.50 for sewer and \$1.50 for water. An alternative increase of \$2.53 for sewer and \$6.10 for water was also presented. The alternate increase proposed is required to cover all bonded debt payments and system depreciation, as well as current operation and maintenance. Discussion of the alternate proposed increase centered on the ultimate goal of covering all water & sewer costs from user fees and establishing an adequate yearly reserve to cover the costs of major system rebuild and or replacement. The sense of the discussion was that the needed increase was too much to be implemented in one year.

At this point Chairman Knapp suggested that the committee review the police budget since the police chief was present. Chief Will was asked several questions about the LETN TV training program. The questions generally concerned the cost of this training, and the possibility of other training options that would be less expensive. Chief Will explained that most alternative training required the trainee to be absent from the City during training. He also explained that the quality and quantity of the training available through LETN was far beyond our means through any other source.

With no further discussion or questions, Chairman Knapp called for approval of the various funds.

MOTION: Ms. Stover moved to approve the Parks and Leisure fund as presented, with Ms. McDonald as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Spikes moved to approve the Street Fund as presented, with Mr. Ludwig as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

MOTION: Ms. Smith moved to approve the Water Fund as presented with the \$1.50 rate increase, and requesting that BCC be approached to help fund the water storage tank inspection and repair, with Ms. McDonald as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

MOTION: Ms. McDonald moved to approve the Sewer Fund as presented with the \$.50 rate increase, with Mr. Ludwig as

second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

MOTION: Ms. Clum moved to approve the Sewer Debt Fund as presented, with Mr. Hart as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

MOTION: Ms. Stover moved to approve the Water Debt Fund as presented, with Ms. Smith as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Spikes moved to approve the 9-1-1 Fund as presented, with Ms. McDonald as second. The vote was 9 in favor of approval and one in opposition, motion carried. Mr. Hart voted against the motion because he does not approve of the 9-1-1 system.

MOTION: Ms. Stover moved to approve the State Revenue Sharing Fund as presented, with Mr. Rogers as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

MOTION: Ms. McDonald moved to approve the Water Reserve Fund as presented, with Mr. Hart as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

MOTION: Ms. Smith moved to approve the Sewer Reserve Fund as presented with Mr. Hart as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

MOTION: Ms. Stover moved to approve the Sewer Improvement Fund as presented, with Mr. Rogers as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

MOTION: Ms. Clum moved to approve the Bicycle/Foot Path Fund with a change to increase the expenditures to \$3,114, with Mr. Hart as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Chairman Knapp called for a motion on the General Fund. There was additional discussion about the LETN TV training program, again centering of the cost of the system.

MOTION: To bring the discussion to a conclusion, Mr. Rogers moved to change the Police budget as follows: LETN reduced to zero, travel increased to \$900, training increased to \$1300. Ms. Clum was second to the motion. The vote was 8 in favor of approval and 2 in opposition, motion carried.

With the passage of this motion the General Fund has excess resources of \$1,760. Ms. Clum moved to increase the transfer to the Parks & Leisure Fund by \$1,760. After discussion she withdrew her motion with no second. MOTION: Ms. Clum moved to increase the General Fund contingency to \$13,760, with Ms. Smith as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

MOTION: Ms. McDonald moved to approve the General Fund as changed by the forgoing motions, with Mr. Hart as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Chairman Knapp noted that all funds had been approved by the committee. With no further business to conduct the committee was dismissed.

Minutes Submitted by


Colleen McDonald, Secretary

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